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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (WILLIAMS, ETIC), TD

SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN TRAVEL PLANS BY PRIME MINISTER
WILLIAMS

1. EVIDENCE IS BECOMING CONCLUSIVE OF PLANS BY DR. WILLIAMS TO VISIT UNITED STATES AND PROBABLY JAPAN BEGINNING IN LATE OCTOBER. GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR ELLIS CLARKE RETURNS TO TRINIDAD OCT 22. CONVENTION OF PEOPLES' NATIONAL MOVEMENT (PNM) BEING HELD THIS WEEKEND (OCT 11-13) AND THUS MAJOR POLITICAL EVENT WILL BE OUT OF THE WAY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY FRANK ABDULAH HAS REVEALED PRIVATELY THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANYING WILLIAMS ON TRIP TO NEW YORK, CHICAGO, AND TOKYO BEGINNING ABOUT OCT 25, WHEN QUERIED ABOUT POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT UNGA HE INDICATED HE DOUBTED IF THERE WOULD BE TIME TO RENEW HIS INVOLVEMENT IN UN MATTERS THIS TRIP.

3. UNDOUBTEDLY, WILLIAMS TRIP TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO WILL PRIMARILY BE TO MEET WITH US BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS REGARDING
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PROJECTED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN T&T. ANOTHER

ASPECT OF TRIP CERTAINLY WILL RELATE TO PM'S ROLE AS A DIRECTOR
OF PROJECTED UN UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO.

4. AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY AFTER PNM CONVENTION, I WILL ASK
WILLIAMS ABOUT ANY FORTHCOMING PLANS TO TRAVEL TO USG. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT HE INCLUDE WASHINGTON ON
HIS ITINERARY IN ORDER MEET WITH ASST. SECY ROGERS AND
HOPEFULLY SECRETARY KISSINGER. IF MEETING WITH SECRETARY COULD BE
ASSURED, BELIEVE HE WOULD MAKE SUCH A DETOUR. I WOULD BE READY TO
COME TO WASHINGTON TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY FEASIBLE TO FACILITATE
PM'S VISIT.

5. REQUEST DEPT'S CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF PROSPECTS FOR
AN INFORMAL WASHINGTON VISIT. LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS FEASIBLE
SO THAT I WILL KNOW WHETHER TO URGE A WASHINGTON STOP WHEN I TALK
TO DR. WILLIAMS.

6. THIS APPEARS TO ME TO BE AN EXCELLENT TIME TO CAPITALIZE ON
WILLIAMS' SOMEWHAT MORE BENIGN RELATIONS WITH US BY OFFERING HIM
VIP TREATMENT IN WASHINGTON. AS WE UNDERTAKE TO ASSURE US
INDUSTRY A REASONABLE SHARE OF TRINIDAD'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
EXPANSION PROGRAM, WE ARE ONLY TOO AWARE THAT THERE WILL BE
A POLITICAL ELEMENT IN GOTT DECISION-MAKING REGARDING CONTRACT
AND JOINT VENTURE AWARDS TO COMPETING FIRMS FROM DIFFERENT NATIONS.
WITH SOME EFFORT NOW WE COULD HELP TO REMOVE SOME OF THE
REMAINING POLITICAL DISADVANTAGE UNDER WHICH OUR US FIRMS
COMPETE HERE FOR SUCH CONTRACTS.

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